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THREE CENTS

Annual Town Meeting Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in election and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town February 3rd, 1947 at ten o'clock in the morning then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year, the following to be on one ballot: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen for one year, One Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, two Library Trustees for three years, one School Committee Member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for one year, to fill vacancy, Tree Warden for one year, Tax Collector for one year, three Constables for one year, one Constable for one year, a resident of Northfield Farms, and one Member of the Planning Board for five years.

The polls may close at FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

Article 3. To see if the oTwn will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws: any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of \$75 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$75.00.

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$150.00.

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$3,000.00.

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for tools for highway work, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00.

Article 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend the following items:

Schools	\$58,089	Maintenance Water holes	200
Treasurer	600	Dept. Public Welfare	5,000
Treasurer's Expense a/c	140	Aid to Dependent	
Bridges	1,000	Children	5,200
Soldiers' Relief	2500	Town Clerk	400
Alexander Hall	175	Town Clerk's Exp. a/c	40
Inspection of Animals	150	Election	500
Dog Officer	50	Fire and Casualty Ins.	1,200
Selectmen's Salary	900	Sealer of Weights and	
Selectmen's Expense a/c	100	Measures	125
Road Machinery Fund	2,000	Sealer's Exp. a/c	25
(Transfer from Machinery Acct.)		Accountant's Salary	700
Old Age Assistance	2800	Accountant's Exp. a/c	40
Public Welfare Clerk	150	Assessors' Salary	1,250
School Committee Salary	150	Assessors' Exp. a/c	75
Inspection of Meat and		Town Hall Care	3,000
Slaughtering	200	Interest Account	300
Public Health	400	Town Clock and Fountain	150
Moderator and Counsel	250	Snow Removal	5,000
Town Reports	400	Public Safety	50
Bond and Damages	400	Road Signs	100
Fire Department	1,700		

Article 9. To determine the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$500.00, expense a/c \$150.00.

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,300.00 for the care and maintenance of the Dickinson

Town Meeting Day

Town meeting day is a New England institution and probably the biggest and most eventful day in the political activity of the town. Not only do we gather to elect the officials who will serve us during the year but we determine just what we shall spend for the requirements of the community. If in buoyant mood, our appropriations become too liberal, a tax rate that will follow will not bring contentment. It is the duty of every voter especially those who are property owners to attend the town meeting.

The annual town meeting is called for Monday, February 3rd, at the Town Hall beginning at 10 o'clock when the polls will open, and the voting begins. Consideration must be given to 51 articles in the Warrant, which is the largest list for many years and probably never exceeded. The meeting will be called to order by Moderator William F. Hoehn, after which the Town Clerk, Josephine S. Haskell, will read the Warrant and Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler, minister of the Unitarian church, will give the invocation.

Stanley Payson is reported ill at his home on Main Street. Friends hope for an early recovery.

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Town Warrant--Continued

Memorial Library, this sum to include the fines collected and the Dog Tax, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$3,300.00.

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gipsy Moth, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$850.00.

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to paint the interior and exterior of the Town Hall or take any vote or votes in relation thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$3,000.00.

Article 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salary of a Community Nurse, and Substitute Nurse, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$2,050.00.

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Community Nurse's expense account, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$50.00.

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expense of the Community Nurse's car or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$350.00.

Article 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a drainage system on Beers Plain Road beginning near the residence of the Ware Bros. and running to Edson's Brook, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$5,500.00.

Article 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railing, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.00.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay note due on the new Grade School building debt or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$4,500.00.

Article 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of cemeteries, or take any vote in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$850.00.

Article 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways exclusive of state highways, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$19,500.00.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$4,000.00.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Cemetery Lot Fund to be used in oiling the road in Center Cemetery, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$235.00.

Article 23. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town, or act thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for equipment for any further improvements in the Town Hall kitchen and that the present committee be authorized to continue in office, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1,555.00.

Article 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to surface the driveways around the Town Hall, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$600.00.

Article 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair sidewalks, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00.

Article 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the American Legion, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$175.00.

Article 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Constables' pay, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.00.

Article 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as Clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and that the salary be \$300.00 in accordance with Section 4A Chapter 41, General Laws, and raise and appropriate money for same.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.00.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be used in purchase of fish to be liberated in the Town of Northfield, under the supervision of the selectmen, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.00.

For Town Office

When you go to Town Hall Monday, February 3rd, for the town meeting and entitled to vote, you will be confronted with the list of candidates who are asking your vote to elect them to office. There will be two contests, one for School Committee where Irving J. Lawrence, the present incumbent, and Mrs. Marian Billings are both seeking election, the other for tree warden, where Dean Williams, the present incumbent, and Leslie Martin are the candidates.

The complete slate is as follows:

Mrs. Josephine Haskell, town clerk for one year; Charles F. Slate, treasurer for one year; George Carr, Ernest Parker and George Sheldon, selectmen for one year; George McEwan, moderator for one year; Charles Slate, tax collector for one year; Irving J. Lawrence and Mrs. Marion Billings, school committee for three years; Miss Mercy Braun and Joseph W. Field, library trustees for three years; Clifford Field, assessor for three years; George N. Kidder, cemetery commissioner for three years; Charles C. Morgan, cemetery commissioner for one year; Dean Williams and Leslie Martin, tree warden; Martin Vorce, Harry Haskell, Joseph Morgan and Murray Hammond, constables for one year; and Dr. F. Wilton Dean, member of the planning board for five years.

Card of Thanks

We desire to offer our sincere appreciation for the sympathy extended to us from friends and neighbors in our recent bereavement in the death of our father, Lawrence S. Quinlan. We are not unmindful of the splendid care which was given to him during his long illness and for the receipt of flowers, fruits and friendly messages.

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Article 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a new cement sidewalk on the east side of Main Street extending from Warwick Ave. northward, or act thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for hydrant service for fifteen hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Co. for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection, or act thereon.

Article 33. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a reserve fund for the current year, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$2,000.00.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to consist of the three Selectmen and four members of the Fire Department to investigate plans for a new fire house and report at the next annual Town Meeting or sooner if necessary, or act thereon.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to investigate plans for a Town garage and report at the next annual Town Meeting or sooner if necessary, or act thereon.

Article 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase an adding machine for the use of the Tax Collector and Treasurer, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00.

Article 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to reimburse the school teachers and school nurse for salary raises from September through December 1946, as voted by the School Committee, or act thereon. The amount needed is \$2,840.00.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Park Commissioner to have charge of the athletic field and playgrounds in the Town to serve one year, and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$200.00 for the care of the athletic field, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.00.

Article 39. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$550.00 to purchase portable steel bleachers for use at the athletic field, and other outdoor public gatherings, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$550.00.

Article 40. To hear the report of the Survey Committee to investigate World War 2 Memorial in the form of a Community School Center, and take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 41. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to present a copy of the Puritan Outpost to the Historical Society, or act thereon.

Article 42. To hear the report of the Cemetery Land Committee on a new cemetery location, and take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 43. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install three street lights on Glen Road, or act thereon.

Article 44. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install two street lights on the Millers Falls Road near the group of houses south of Frank Garfields, or act thereon.

Article 45. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install two street lights on the Millers Falls Road between the residence of Frank Bartus and the Erving Line, or act thereon.

Article 46. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect and maintain a street light at the corner of Birnam Road and Hotel Road, or act thereon.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to change the present method of electing the Selectmen, as follows: election of one Selectman for three years, election of one Selectman for two years, and election of one Selectman for one year, one Selectman each year, for a three year term thereafter, to begin in 1948, or act thereon.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Surplus Revenue to reduce the tax rate, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$10,500.00.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of \$20.00, the same to be added by the Assessors to estimated receipts and available funds, when setting the tax rate, or act thereon.

Article 50. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in making necessary repairs on abandoned schoolhouses, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00.

Article 51. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell certain real estate acquired through tax title procedure or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, at the School House in District No. 6, and the Tenney Farms Filling Station at Northfield Farms, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as foresaid.

Given under our hands this 17th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

ERNEST A. PARKER
GEORGE W. CARR
GEORGE H. SHELDON
Selectmen of Northfield.

Town Topics

The large barn on the lot of Mrs. Norma Nims on Main Street has been torn down and the lumber carted away.

The local Boy Scouts will make a collection, house to house, on Saturday morning for waste paper.

The auditors from the State Department concluded a very thorough examination of the towns records and the report received states that the town is in good financial condition. The report was rushed to the printer to be incorporated in the annual report.

Joseph R. Colton suffered a very bad fall on the ice at his home recently and sustained serious injuries. The sympathy of many friends is extended to him and the report is that he is improving.

Women of the Grange will serve a luncheon at the town hall on Monday when the town meeting is held.

Strand Mikkelsen, well-known ski enthusiast, addressed the Kandahar Ski Club of this town last Friday evening and was elected the club's first honorary member.

Erwin C. Perry, who resides on Northfield Mountain, recently suffered a fractured leg when he was caught by a falling tree while at work in the woods. He was removed to Franklin County Hospital and is now reported as improving.

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Harmony Lodge of Masons will meet in regular session at Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, February 5. The 12th Lodge of Instruction will meet with Republican Lodge of Greenfield on Tuesday, February 25th.

A class of Girl Scouts are being taught skiing by George Marshall and Norman Bolton. There is a home nursing class meeting with Mrs. Harvey Jack and a class in arts and crafts meeting with Mrs. Marshall Lanphear. Recently 25 Girl Scouts enjoyed a skating party on Dickinson Pond ending up with refreshments at the home of Mrs. Richard Williams.

W. C. Tyler of South Vernon is spending a short vacation in Florida and recently sent his wife a box of mixed fruit from the farm of E. M. Root, formerly Windham County, Vt., farm bureau agent who has a large orchard there and whom he visited.

Miss Phoebe Stacy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stacy of West Northfield, is a student nurse at the Children's Hospital in Boston.

Mrs. George McMillan of this town is now nicely located in an apartment at Orlando, Fla., where she is enjoying her winter's stay. In a letter she speaks of the delightful weather they are having.

The engagement of Miss Eileen M. Burniske, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Burniske of Greenfield and Robert L. Huber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Huber of this town, has been announced. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Livingston and family are now well located in one of the veterans' houses in the "village" in Greenfield. They occupied the cottage here in Mountain Park last summer of Miss Ethel Allen. Mr. Livingston is a civil engineer employed by the Boston & Maine Railroad.

Mrs. Mary Browning and Mrs. Anna Woodard who are at the Vernon Home in South Vernon are reported as rapidly recovering from their recent illnesses.

Mrs. Walter D. Johnson of the Pond Road, South Vernon, had the misfortune to suffer a fall at her home on Sunday, January 5, and fracture her hip. She is being well cared for and improving.

A son, William James, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carleton K. Finch of Arlington at the Jamaica Plain Hospital on Saturday, January 4;

A daughter, Margaret Mary, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edson of Watertown at the Kenmore Hospital in Boston on Thursday, January 16. Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dalton and of Mrs. Gladys Edson all of this town.

Receives A Banquet

A very timely bequest has been given to the Vernon Home at South Vernon in the amount of \$5,000 from Mrs. Millie B. Pike of Springfield, Mass., whose will was filed in the Probate Court recently. She was a member of the Advent Christian denomination and interested in the work of the Vernon Home. Her total bequests to worthy institutions and friends totaled an estate of \$62,500.

Ford Tractor Meeting

Spencer Brothers will entertain a large number of guests this Friday evening at their garage on Main Street in the interest of the Ford Tractor. Owners, friends and prospective purchasers will listen to a talk by a representative of the company after a welcome extended by Mr. Spencer. Movies will be shown of the development of the tractor and its use and refreshments will be served. This is the third annual gathering of its kind and last year was attended by over 170 persons.

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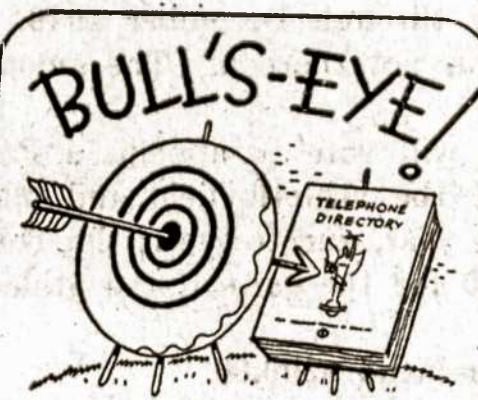
grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Finch of this town and Mr. and Mrs. William J. Sinclair of Arlington.

Mrs. Nellie Stockwell, formerly of South Vernon, is suffering a broken hip and is at the Margaret Pillsbury Hospital in Concord, N. H. She is a sister of Rev. F. H. Leavitt of South Vernon.

Sympathy is extended by many friends to Mrs. E. W. Blackstone of South Vernon whose mother passed in death at Rochester, N. H., on Friday, January 3.

Mrs. Joseph Cznerich of the Millers Falls Road gave a miscellaneous shower to her daughter, Miss Cznerich in the Polish Hall at Millers Falls Saturday evening the 25th, which was attended by a large group of friends and relatives. Miss Cznerich's engagement to Leo Sikoski of Hinsdale, N. H., was recently announced.

Mrs. Winona Robbins Church, a former resident of this town, has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Kidder and greeting many friends.



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